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SUBJECT: TRIBAL VIOLENCE RESOLVED BY AGREEMENT

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1. SUDANGOV ANNOUNCED CONCLUSION OF PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MESEIRIA AND DINKA TRIBES IN KADUGLI, SOUTHERN KORDOFAN PROVINCE, AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS. NEGOTIATING TEAM FROM KHARTOUM LED BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ABD EL RAHMAN ABDALLA INCLUDED FRANCIS DENG, STATE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MAHMOUD HASSEIB, COMMISSIONER OF SOUTHERN KORDOFAN PROVINCE AND PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION. FROM BEGINNING OF INCIDENT IN JUNE 1977 SUDANGOV HAS VIGOROUSLY ENCOURAGED SETTLEMENT OF TRIBAL CONFLICT AND HAS PUBLICIZED STEPS LEADING TO AGREEMENT. AN UNCONFIRMED STIPULATION OF PEACE AGREEMENT: MESEIRIA WILL PAY 1200 HEAD OF CATTLE TO DINKA.

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2. COMMENT: VIOLENCE LEADING TO MANY DEATHS OCCURRED WHEN DRY SEASON SHRANK AVAILABLE GRASSLANDS AND APPARENTLY LED TO VIOLATION OF TRADITIONAL DIVISION OF GRAZING RIGHTS. RAINY SEASON NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE BROUGHT FRESH GRASS AND HAS PROBABLY EASED WAY FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. EFFORTS OF SUDANGOV TO END VIOLENCE AND RESOLVE CONFLICT WERE VIGOROUS

AND FULLY REPORTED IN PRESS PROBABLY TO ALLAY ANY SUSPICION OF
DOMESTIC POLITICAL DISUNITY AND TO AVOID PUBLIC SPECULATION
AND EXAGGERATION OF WHAT HAPPENED. VIOLENCE SUCH AS THIS IS
REGRETABLELY NOT UNCOMMON ALONG THE SAVANNAH IN SUDAN WHERE
CATTLE-RAISING TRIBES WANDER IN SEARCH OF GRAZING AND SOME-
TIMES OVERWHELM HOSPITALITY OF RESIDENT ETHNIC GROUPS.
APPARENTLY PAST SUMMER'S VIOLENCE WAS NOT RPT NOT RELATED TO
SUDANGOV PROBLEMS WITH LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA AS HAD
ORIGINALLY BEEN FEARED (REFTEL). BERGUS

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